

FAMILY WORSHIP



Activity: Story Time

- Plan some time for you and your child to go to the library, either the church's or your local community library. Help your child check out a book or two. When you get home, go to the family calendar and have your child pick out four dates this week for story time. Read from the library books to your child on these dates. When you are finished, say a prayer thanking God for eyes to see, the ability to read, and for books to share.

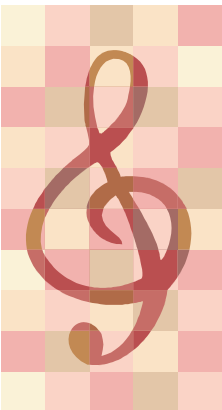
Practice monthly memory verse. Spend time practicing and reviewing memory verses from Cubbies and Sparks (AWANA). Talk about the meaning of special words in the verses (e.g. serve, forgive, love, covenant) to help deepen their understanding. Be intentional about using these words in day to day situations.



February Memory Verse:

Genesis 28:15 – *Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go.*

Worship through singing:



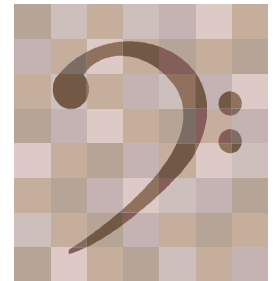
This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass; He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one

For music and video visit: www.youtube.com and search "This Is My Father's World"



Parent Resource Review:

BOOK: Hymns For A Kid's Heart, by Bobbie Wolgemuth and Joni Eareckson Tada

"Parents, grandparents, and teachers who want to pass the great hymns of our Christian heritage to the next generation will treasure *Hymns for a Kid's Heart*. This book introduces children to the messages of 12 classic hymns through Scripture, stories, prayers, and inspirational accounts about the hymn-writers. Also included are guitar chords and simple piano music for each hymn. An enclosed CD contains tracks with children's voices so the whole family can sing along."
-Crossway Books

Review: Genesis 39-41

Last week we saw God's plan for Joseph's life. First, Joseph is a slave in Potiphar's house. Potiphar is blessed because God is with Joseph. Joseph is then wrongly accused and sent to prison. In prison he is put in charge of all the prisoners. The keeper of the prison is blessed by God because of Joseph. During this time, God gives Joseph the wisdom and opportunity to interpret the dreams of two prisoners. Because the wisdom is from God, the interpretations come true. Later, Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, has a dream. God gives Joseph the wisdom and opportunity to interpret this dream as well. Because of God's wisdom given to Joseph, Pharaoh makes Joseph prince over all of Egypt.

- **Is Joseph alone when he goes to Egypt as a slave?** *No. The LORD [God] is with Joseph blessing him and the persons he is serving (39:2, 3, 5, 21-23; 41:38-40)*
- **How does Joseph respond when bad things happen to him?** *He continues to serve and obey God doing good work. He does all things without complaining or arguing.*
- **Why did Joseph run away from Potiphar's wife?** *He did not want to sin against God (39:9).*
- **How was Joseph able to interpret the dreams of the cupbearer, the baker, and Pharaoh?** *God gave Joseph the wisdom and ability to know what the dreams meant.*
- **Why did Pharaoh put Joseph in charge over all of Egypt?** *Pharaoh saw that Joseph had the "wisdom of God" and that God had made Joseph wise and discerning.*
- **What are some lessons you are learning from Joseph's life?**
 - *Sometimes, God uses bad things in my life in order to bring good things to me.*
 - *I can trust God even when I am having a bad day.*
 - *There are no bad situations that God allows that we cannot work to give Him glory.*
 - *I am to do all things without complaining or arguing, even when life seems unfair.*

This Week: Genesis 42, 43:1-15

This week we see God make the dreams he gave Joseph come true (Genesis 37:5-10). Joseph's daddy, Jacob, sends Joseph's older brothers to Egypt to buy food because of the severe famine. In Egypt, the brothers bow down to Joseph not recognizing him as the ruler in charge of all Egypt's food. However, Joseph recognizes them and accuses them of being spies. He sends them back with food, but keeps Simeon as a prisoner so they will return with Joseph's younger brother, Benjamin. Trouble occurs when Jacob refuses to allow Benjamin to return to Egypt. But when they again run out of food, Jacob has no choice but to send Benjamin to Egypt.

- **Where was the famine?** *Everywhere (41:56, 57), even in Joseph's home of Canaan (42:5).*
- **Where was the only place that had food?** *Egypt.*
- **Who has God put in control of the food in Egypt?** *Joseph.*
- **Because Joseph was in charge, he could have taken revenge on his brothers.**
 - **What would YOU have done if your brothers had been that mean to you?**
 - **What did Joseph do?** *He gave his brothers.*
 - **Did he charge them?** *No, when they got home, their money was still in their sacks.*
- **Why does Joseph not take revenge on his brothers?** *Joseph fears God (42:18) and knows that God is the One who is in control. Joseph knows he can trust God.*
- **How can you respond to someone when they are mean to you?** *I can choose to be nice to them. I can trust God make things right.*